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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
12 AT SEATTLE

13 BIOORIGYN, LLC, and JOANNA)
14 ELLINGTON CLIFTON)
15 Plaintiffs,) Case No. 2:20-cv-00285-RAJ
v.) **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO**
FAIRHAVEN HEALTH, LLC,) **SEAL**
Defendant.)

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17 This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' motion to seal. Dkt. # 2. The
18 motion is unopposed. For the following reasons, the Court **GRANTS** the motion.

19 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." Western
20 District of Washington Local Civil Rule ("LCR") 5(g). "Only in rare circumstances
21 should a party file a motion, opposition, or reply under seal." LCR 5(g)(5). Normally
22 the moving party must include "a specific statement of the applicable legal standard and
23 the reasons for keeping a document under seal, with evidentiary support from
declarations where necessary." LCR 5(g)(3)(B).

24 Under LCR 5(g), whichever party designates a document confidential must
25 provide a "specific statement of the applicable legal standard and the reasons for
26 keeping a document under seal, including an explanation of: (i) the legitimate private or
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1 public interest that warrant the relief sought; (ii) the injury that will result if the relief
2 sought is not granted; and (iii) why a less restrictive alternative to the relief sought is not
3 sufficient.” LCR 5(g).

4 Here, the Court finds that Plaintiffs have demonstrated compelling reasons to file
5 the identified document under seal. *Kamakana v. Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172,
6 1178-81 (9th Cir. 2006). The Court has reviewed the document and finds that it
7 contains sensitive proprietary and confidential business information. *See Moussouris v.*
8 *Microsoft Corp.*, No. 15-cv-1483 JLR, 2018 WL 2124162, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Apr. 24,
9 2018). The Court agrees that the Plaintiffs’ interest in protecting its confidential
10 business information outweighs the right of public access. *Douglas v. Xerox Bus. Servs.*
11 LLC, No. C12-1798-JCC, 2014 WL 12641056, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Apr. 11, 2014).
12 Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ motion to seal is **GRANTED**. Dkt. # 2.

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14 DATED this the 30th day of March, 2020.

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18 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
United States District Judge
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